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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

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Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

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3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

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1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 14 (all partially)

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1,2,6,8,10,14 (partially)

Use for treating depression of a "C",
wherein:
C is a precursor or inducer of a neurotransmitter, in particular L-phenylalanine, L-tyrosine, tyramine.

2. claims: 1-5,8-13,16-20,23 (partially)

Use for treating depression of
A and B
wherein:
A is an antidepressant, in particular lofepramine, fluoxetine, citalopram, paroxetine;
B is vitamin B12.

3. claims: 1-4,6,8-12,14,16-19,21,23 (partially)

Use for treating depression of
A and C,
wherein:
A is an antidepressant, in particular lofepramine, fluoxetine, citalopram, paroxetine;
C is a precursor or inducer of a neurotransmitter, in particular L-phenylalanine, L-tyrosine, tyramine.

4. claims: 1-4,8-11,16-19,23 (partially), 7,15,22

Use for treating depression of
A and C'
wherein:
A is an antidepressant, in particular lofepramine, fluoxetine, citalopram, paroxetine;
C' is L-tryptophan.

5. claims: 1,2,5,6,8-10,13,14,16,17,20,21,23 (partially)

Use for treating depression of
B and C, or C'
wherein:
B is vitamin B12;
C is a precursor or inducer of a neurotransmitter, in particular L-phenylalanine, L-tyrosine, tyramine;
C' is L-tryptophan.

6. claims: 1-6,8-14,16-21,23 (partially)

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